

Application No. 09/762,765
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance by the Examiner of the allowance of claims 18, 19, 21 and 22 is gratefully acknowledged.

The Examiner indicated that claims 10 to 15 were objected to as being dependent on a base rejected claim but that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 10, 12 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 11 is dependent on claim 10. Claims 13 and 14 are dependent on claim 12. It is submitted that claims 10 to 15 are now in an allowable form.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 9 and 20 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over US 6,084,030 to Janssen et al.

Claims 1, 8, 9 and 20 have been deleted. Claims 2 to 7 have been made dependent on claim 21, an allowed claim. Having regard thereto, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1 to 9 and 20 under 35 USC 102(e)/35 USC 103 having regard to Janssen is overcome.

New process claims 23 to 29, corresponding to product claims 9 to 15, have been added, dependent on allowed claim 18. These claims have been added to better protect applicants invention. It is submitted that these claims should be allowed along with claim 18.

The prescribed fees for the additional claims have been included in the attached Fee Transmittal form.

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It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance
and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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